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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1875.

ROOMS OF THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY, }
NEW YORK, *January 9th*, 1876. }

The Council begs leave to submit the following, as their report of the operations of the Society during the preceding year:

Since the date of the last annual report eight (8) meetings of the Society have been held.

At the last annual meeting, which took place on the evening of January the 19th, 1875, at the hall of the New York Historical Society, the present board of officers was elected. The Hon. Robert B. Roosevelt, commissioner of fisheries of the State of New York, addressed the Society on "The Geographical Distribution of Fish in the United States," followed by Mr. A. L. Rawson upon "The Exploration of Palestine from a Practical Standpoint."

On February the 25th, Chief Justice Daly, the president, delivered the annual address, subject: "The Geographical Work of the World in 1875."

March the 30th, Mr. Alvan S. Southworth, the recording secretary, read a paper on "The New State of Colorado," followed by Mr. Ernest Ingersoll on "The Remains of the Ancient Civilization in the Cañons of the San Juan."

April the 29th, General Egbert L. Viele addressed the Society on "The Physical Geography, Mountain and River Systems and Topographical Features of the State of New York."

May the 25th, Professor Felix Adler lectured on "The Influence of the Physical Geography of Palestine on Hebrew Thought."

November the 11th, Dr. Gerhard Rohlfs (gold medalist of the Royal Geographical Society) addressed the Society on his "Exploration of the Oases of the Desert of Sahara."

And December the 13th a meeting of the Society was held to discuss Mr. Henry M. Stanley's "Explorations in Equatorial Africa." Among those who took part in the discussion were Chief Justice Daly, Mr. Bayard Taylor and Dr. George B. Wallis.

The annual report of the treasurer, Mr. George Cabot Ward, shows a satisfactory condition of the finances of the Society and, as trea-

surer, exhibits a cash balance in his hands at the end of the year to the credit of the Society of \$1,430 $\frac{89}{100}$, and as trustee \$2,084.22, making a total of \$3,515.11.

Three hundred and forty-four (344) new fellows have been elected during the year and have duly qualified.

The correspondence of the Society with travelers, explorers and critics of geography over the world has been fully maintained so as to supply much needful and original information from the principal, most authentic and most interesting sources.

It is believed that the publications of the Society (three bulletins) have been received with favor.

The collection of rare and valuable maps, early geographical works and the books of travel and periodicals of the day have been often consulted by students and authors with a profit which they have gladly acknowledged. The proceedings of the Society find welcome room in the leading geographical magazines of England and the continent of Europe.

The annual due has been raised by a vote of the Society from five dollars (\$5) to ten dollars (\$10). It was induced to this measure by the fact that a subscription of some twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) has been made to purchase a house for its exclusive use and occupation. It is expected that such house will soon be selected and bought and the library and collections of the Society established in it, thus providing our fellows and scientific friends an agreeable place of meeting whether for study, research or conversation. The best features of a literary and scientific club can thus be afforded without any of those interruptions by many deemed objectionable.

By order of the Council.

WILLIAM REMSEN,

Chairman.